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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002. Accompanying this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time, containing provision for the payment of the appropriate fee, extending the period for response three months to an including October 22, 2002. It is believed to be no other fees due in connection with this filing. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, he is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-65680-2/RFT/SPL/467135-00148). Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 18, 19, 21 and 47-53 are pending in the instant application. An appendix of pending claims is also attached for the Examiner's convenience.